

Ironton: Story of Utah Valley's Entry Into Steel-Making



THIS WAS IRONTON during its heyday. Both the original No. 1 blast furnace (center) and the one later moved here from Joliet, Ill. and rebuilt (left) are visible. Ironton was important in Utah Valley's economy for about four decades, providing jobs and payrolls for the people here. It also

served as a pilot project for the valley in steel-making and operated for many years after Geneva Works was built in the 1940s. In recent years U.S. Steel donated the site to BYU for ultimate development of an industrial park.



HISTORIC DAY AT IRONTON — This year marks the 51st anniversary of the historic occasion in 1923, pictured here, when the iron and steel industry of Utah Valley was born. This picture of ground breaking ceremonies for the Ironton Plant, shows the citizens from Utah County communities

who gathered between Provo and Springville for this historic event signalling the start of what eventually was to become the valley's biggest industry. The Ironton Plant operated for about four decades and its buildings have been removed in recent years.

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